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SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Will Graves Seriously Wounded
By Ollie Crider Monday.

Monday afternoon Marion was the scene of a most deplorable shooting affair. About 3 o'clock the usual quietude of our town was broken by the report of a pistol. It was soon discovered that the discharge of that pistol meant the loss of a human life, for as a result of a quarrel Ollie Crider, a young farmer of the Bells Mines neighborhood shot and perhaps mortally wounded Will Graves, a son of the late John P. Graves. The shooting occurred in front of H. Koltinsky's grocery store, on Main street.

It seems that the two men have long been enemies and on Monday met at Koltinsky's store, and after the use of bitter words blows followed and suddenly Crider drew a revolver from his pocket and shot Graves. Marshal Loyd arrived at this instant and catching Crider around the body called for help, as Crider was struggling to free himself. Mr. John Hurley came and disarmed Crider, who on being told it was the marshal who had grabbed him, became quiet and was taken to jail. Graves was carried to Blue & Nunn's law office and Drs. J. J. Clark, T. A. Fraser, and Newcom were called in. It was found that the bullet had entered the left side, ranged a little upward, then struck a rib and passed on, probably penetrating the stomach. An attempt was made to get the bullet by probing but the attempt was unsuccessful.

Late in the afternoon the wounded man was removed to the home of Henry Paris, west of town. Monday night he made a statement to the county attorney. Tuesday his condition was exceedingly dangerous. Monday night

Crider was removed to Princeton for safe keeping, but was brought back Tuesday morning.

It is indeed a sad affair. Both men are well known farmers, and both have numerous friends all over the county. Mr. Field Crider, father of the man that did the shooting is one of the best known farmers in Crittenden county. Will Graves has a reputation of being a quiet, sober, hard working man. Several years ago he married a daughter of Mr. Albert Truitt, and as a result of this marriage two children were born.

Ollie Crider has always been regarded as a man of good character, peaceful and industrious.

Mr. Crider has employed James & James, Blue & Nunn and Moore & Moore to look after his case.

Tuesday afternoon a motion for bail was made and granted by Judge Rochester. The bond was fixed at \$3,000 and was immediately given. The preliminary examination has been set for Dec. 21.

We give below the statements of several men who saw the shooting and the substance of the statement Graves made Monday night to the county attorney.

Marshal Loyd's Statement—I was standing near Clifton's, looking towards Koltinsky's grocery; saw Ollie Crider reach into his pocket, get a pistol and point it at Graves, who was going into the door of the grocery. I then ran towards Crider but he shot before I reached him. The bullet struck Graves in the side just as he turned around to enter the door. Before Crider could again shoot I caught him from behind and held his arms tightly. Thinking I was one of Graves' friends he attempted to shoot me, saying, "Turn me loose and I will surrender to the marshal." Some one said, "It is the marshal who has you now." Crider immediately became quiet and said, "All right, I will go with you." I then lodged him in jail. John Hurley took the pistol from Crider while he was struggling to

get away from me. The pistol was a Smith & Wesson 32 calibre.

Mr. John Hurley says—I was standing by Woods & Fowler's store. Had been there but little bit when I saw two men scuffling in front of Koltinsky's store. Just then the pistol fired, Graves began to yell. Loyd ran up and grabbed Crider around the body. Crider began to struggle to free himself and Loyd called for help, I ran over and took the weapon from Crider and he quit struggling.

Graves' Statement in Substance—I had met Crider early in afternoon and he tried to get up a row but I left him and went to Koltinsky's grocery, where I had bought some goods. I went in the store and Crider had followed me. I waited to see if he would leave, but every few minutes he would look in the door. At last I thought he was gone and started out. He had just stepped out of sight and as I went out came up and began to abuse me. He kicked me and then I struck at him with my jug of coal oil. All this time he had his pistol in his hand. I then turned and started into the store but just as I opened the door he shot me.

County attorney Kevil has a written declaration from Graves; this he declined to give for publication.

Mr. Crider, acting upon the advice of his lawyers, declined to make a statement for publication. His friends claim that he will be able to prove that he was not the aggressor.

Sad Accident at Sturgis.

Sturgis, Ky., Dec. 9.—One of the most deplorable accidents ever known in Sturgis, occurred at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and of which Arthur, the ten-year old son of the Rev. A. O. Biddle, pastor of the church here, was the victim. Several boys, playmates,

while at Brooks' gun shop, were handling a loaded gun charged with buckshot. While snapping it the weapon was accidentally discharged, the whole load taking effect about half an inch above the right eye of young Biddle. The boy lived until 5 o'clock. His father was filling the pulpit at Carville, about fifty miles from here, at the time.

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